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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 10/24/2005

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: Proposed claim 1 as attached

Identification of prior art discussed: Art is rec'd in particular Thompson

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Indicated that proposed claim 1 did not define over Thompson since limitations were mostly functional. Agreed however there were structural difference between the instant invention and Thompson.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

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What is claimed is:

- 5 1. Plastic nut for mounting on a component (1) having a penetration (2), said plastic nut being insertable into the penetration (2) with a nut piece (9) having a receiving hole (12, 13) for a screw (4) and being provided with a flange (3) for contact with one side of the component (1) and with snap-on hooks (10, 11) for contact with the other side of the component (1), said
- 10 snap-on hooks (10, 11) securing the plastic nut to the component (1), wherein, when in the relaxed position, said snap-on hooks (10, 11) on the one hand conform in their radial extent to the internal dimension of the penetration (2) and on the other hand cover the receiving hole (12, 13) and spread apart when the screw (4) is inserted and position themselves opposite
- 15 the component (1), characterized in that disposed next to the snap-on hooks (10, 11) are walls (5, 6, 7, 8; 19, 20) extending in the spreading-apart direction, said walls (5, 6, 7, 8; 19, 20) extending from the flange (3) to the nut piece (9) and having reductions (17, 18; 21, 22) of their wall thickness – such thickness reductions (17, 18; 21, 22) extending in the central region
- 20 thereof and in the spreading-apart direction – such that, when the screw (4) is tightened, through bending of the walls (5, 6, 7, 8; 19, 20) at the thickness reductions (17, 18; 21, 22) the flange (3) and the snap-on hooks (10, 11) contact the component (1) on both sides.
- 25 2. Plastic nut according to claim 1, characterized in that the thickness reduction (17) of the walls (5, 6) is disposed on the side thereof facing the snap-on hooks (10, 11).

and wherein the snap-on hooks are incompressible in a longitudinal direction enabling the plastic nut to achieve a defined position in relation to the component